

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control Announces a Public Comment Period and Public Hearing On a Draft Permit Renewal

September 21 – November 19, 2004

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

The Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

You are invited to attend a public hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at:

N. Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst Street Berkeley, California 94709

This hearing is being held to take public comments on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. This permit would authorize the continued operation of the Hazardous Waste Facility at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) in Berkeley. DTSC has a 60-day public comment period on this draft permit.

You Can Participate

You can comment on the draft permit by either by sending written comments to Waqar Ahmad at the address below between September 21, 2004 and November 19, 2004 or by submitting oral comments at the public hearing.

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You can review all documents associated with the permit renewal application at the Berkeley Public Library (2090 Kittridge Street), Building 50 Library at the Lab (1 Cyclotron Road), or at our Berkeley Office (700 Heinz Street).

Facility Description and History

The Berkeley Lab is a research facility managed by the University of California (UC) for the US Department of Energy. It is in the Berkeley/Oakland Hills and encompasses about 200 acres adjacent to the northeast side of the UC Berkeley campus. The Berkeley Lab conducts a wide range of research.

As a result of lab operations, they generate hazardous waste which they must handle safely according to state law and regulations. The draft hazardous waste facility permit gives specific conditions for safe management of hazardous waste.

DTSC issued Berkeley Lab a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit in 1993. Berkeley Lab submitted a permit renewal application within 180 days prior to the current permit expiring. We have evaluated this application and found it technically complete. We further evaluated any effects issuing the permit would have on the environment and have found it would not have any negative impact. As a result, we propose a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.

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